



The humanitarian consequences and actions in the Eastern Mediterranean Region over the last 60 years--A health perspective

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Abstract:

Humanitarian crises – historical Context: Globally, countless lives and livelihoods have been affected by the impact of natural and man-made disasters in both developed and developing countries. However, more than 90% of deaths related to natural disaster occur in developing countries and the economic losses in relation to GNP are far greater in developing countries as compared to industrialized ones. During the period from 1984 to 2003 more than 4.1 billion people were affected by natural disasters alone. The overall trend of disasters and their impact on the world clearly illustrate: i) an exponential increase in the frequency of reported events; ii) a substantial economic burden to national economies; and iii) an increasing number of affected people who have to recover from such events.

Source: [http://www.emro.who.int/emhj/14_s1/14_s1_s150.pdf?uaEuro Surveillance \(Bulletin Europeen Sur Les Maladies Transmissibles: European Communicable Disease Bulletin\)1](http://www.emro.who.int/emhj/14_s1/14_s1_s150.pdf?uaEuro%20Surveillance%20(Bulletin%20Europeen%20Sur%20Les%20Maladies%20Transmissibles%20European%20Communicable%20Disease%20Bulletin)1)

Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Ecosystem Changes, Extreme Weather Event, Food/Water Security, Human Conflict/Displacement, Human Conflict/Displacement, Precipitation, Sea Level Rise

Extreme Weather Event: Drought, Flooding, Hurricanes/Cyclones, Landslides

Food/Water Security: Food Access/Distribution

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Asia

Asian Region/Country: Other Asian Region

Other Asian Region: Eastern Mediterranean

Health Impact: 

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Infectious Disease, Morbidity/Mortality

Infectious Disease: Airborne Disease, Vectorborne Disease

Airborne Disease: Influenza

Foodborne/Waterborne Disease: Other Diarrheal Disease

Vectorborne Disease: Mosquito-borne Disease

Mosquito-borne Disease: Malaria

Population of Concern: A focus of content

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populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Low Socioeconomic Status

Resource Type: 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

Timescale: 

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified

Vulnerability/Impact Assessment: 

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system

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